

Convicts Accuse Each Other of Kupfer Murder

One in Death Car Turns State's Evidence; Charges Companion Shot Jersey Man and Girl at Rahway Bodies Placed in Road

Men, Later Accused by Woman, Found in N.Y. Prison; Both Must Stand Trial

George Brandon, known also as Harold W. Lambie, was put on trial yesterday in Elizabeth, N. J., for the murder of Arthur L. Kupfer and Edith Janny, who were shot as they sat in Kupfer's automobile in Rahway, N. J., August 22, 1918. Prosecutor Walter L. Henkel obtained a separate trial for Charles Perchard, also indicted in the murder, and Perchard took the witness stand against Brandon.

Both men were serving terms in prison in this state when a woman informed against them and it was discovered that their finger prints resembled impressions found on the windshield and doors of Kupfer's car. Each is said to have made a statement implicating the other in the murder and the sentences of both were commuted that they might be placed on trial in New Jersey.

Perchard declared emphatically in his testimony yesterday that he knew nothing of the motive for the murder and, being seated in front with Kupfer and Miss Janny, did not even realize at first that the two reports he heard were pistol shots and the persons seated beside him had been killed. Frank McDermitt, counsel for Brandon, indicated his cross-examination of witnesses that he hoped to show that Perchard and two other men actually were guilty of the murder and that Perchard was trying to save himself and shield his accomplices by placing the blame on Brandon.

Finger Prints Upheld Story
Perchard's story is substantiated in part by the finger prints found on the car. Those which are said to be his were on the windshield and on the door giving entrance to the front seat, while the impressions of Brandon's fingers are said to have been found on the rear door of the car.

According to Perchard, he and Brandon were returning from the Perth Amboy from Rahway when Kupfer offered them a lift. It was Brandon, he said, who arranged for the ride, and when he saw that the car was not to be a simple one, he found Brandon standing beside it in conversation with Kupfer.

He said that Kupfer invited him to take the wheel and he did so, leaving Brandon alone in the rear seat. He testified that he saw Brandon's hand on the windshield, he said, to divert the reflection of the headlights of a car behind them, thus leaving the finger prints which may help to convict Brandon and mitigate his own punishment.

Thought Shots Muffled Explosion
As they reached the outskirts of Rahway, Perchard testified, Kupfer said: "We're almost there. The words scarcely had left his mouth, the witness said, when there were two reports, which he took to be explosions in the muffle, but were the shots which killed Kupfer and Miss Janny. At Brandon's direction, he said, he helped get the bodies out of the car, and then they drove on as lights began to appear in some of the houses.

They abandoned the car and took separate routes to New York, he said. Brandon left the car first, Perchard declared, and seemed much put out on learning that Perchard had failed to bring it to New York.

Manhattan Bridge Road Being Repaired
MOTORISTS LIGHT LAMPS
To-day, 7:18 p. m.
Wednesday, Sept. 29, 7:16 p. m.
Thursday, Sept. 30, 7:14 p. m.

Because of repairs to the northern roadway at the Manhattan end of the Queensboro Bridge a new traffic regulation is in effect. Motorists coming from Long Island are required to turn to the right with the trolley tracks, a route which brings them out on Sixth Street, just east of Second Avenue. This arrangement is temporary and will be discontinued as soon as the bridge paving is relaid. The particular section now being done is one of the oldest parts of the bridge paving. Since the plan was worked out about four years ago of anchoring the woodblock surface in a better way the customary spring repaving and patching has not been necessary.

There is a great need of repairs on the Broadway from Dyckman Street through to Kingsbridge and on beyond to Van Cortlandt Park. The stretch from Dyckman Street to the bridge is particularly rough, and on days when traffic is heavy it makes an unpleasant trip. With the coming of autumn, there is considerably more Sunday afternoon traffic over the park roads, such as the Boulevard Lafayette, and this makes a jam on upper Broadway, too.

There is a detour on the road between the New York State and the Scranton, Pa. It is found between Milford and Bridgewater. The township road is in fair condition and the route round the detour is good.

Betts to Fight Nassau Plea for Extradition
Man Arrested in Virginia in Gambling Crusade Alleges Laws There Protect Him

"Colonel" Lou Betts, under indictment on a charge of maintaining a gambling establishment in Nassau County, will fight extradition proceedings vigorously at Lester Manor, Va., where he was arrested last Friday, according to reports received at Mineola by District Attorney Charles R. Weeks yesterday. Betts is one of the men caught in the widespread net that has been gradually drawing tighter for the last six months around those involved in gambling operations.

Detective Leonard Thorne was sent to Albany yesterday by Mr. Weeks with papers for Governor Smith's signature. The Governor Smith's signature, hearing Thursday morning at which Betts and Betts will be represented by counsel. It was said yesterday that if necessary the District Attorney would go to Virginia himself to fight for the extradition of Betts.

Betts and his friends are confident that he will defeat attempts to extradite him. They base their hopes chiefly upon the fact that while maintaining a gambling establishment is a felony in this state, it is only a misdemeanor in Virginia and as such is not an extraditable offense.

The proceedings in the crusade to purge Nassau County of all forms of vice was concentrated yesterday on the case of Betts. It was not decided at the time whether the special John Doe investigation, being conducted by Supreme Court Justice Scudder would resume to-day.

Fayolle Arrives As Foch's Emissary To Legion Conclave
Guns of Harbor Boom Salute in Honor of Noted French General Who Led U. S. Forces in the World War

General Emile Fayolle, distinguished French strategist and tactician, arrived in this city yesterday on the fog-delayed French Line liner, the *Paris*, the delegate of Marshal Foch to the American Legion convention in Cleveland.

The General, accompanied by Colonel Edouard Requin, his aide, Captain Ferdinand de Sennechal, staff officer to Marshal Foch and president of the French Veterans' Association, and Lieutenant Peter Soubeiran, of the French Embassy, was met at Quaranterie by General Bullard, commander of the Department of the East, members of the staff, Colonel Charles Whittlessey, of the "Lost Battalion," and other officials.

The visitors were taken on the United States army steamer Ordinance to Battery Place. During the passage to the Battery the guns on Governor's Island fired a salute in honor of the distinguished visitor. The visitors were officially welcomed by Major General Harry C. Hale, of Camp Dix, who was designated by Secretary Baker for this function, and other army officials.

General Fayolle and his party were guests at luncheon at the Harvard Club, whence they were taken for a tour of the city. At 7 p. m. they left for Cleveland on the *Paris*, which is expected to arrive in Washington and the remainder of his time prior to sailing on October 6 in the city.

During the "sightseeing" tour General Fayolle, speaking in French, exclaimed: "It is immense! The activity I see about this city explains the power of your nation. I can find no New York and its millions of people force upon me." The meeting between General Fayolle and General Bullard took place in the main saloon of the *Savoy*, an interchange of courtesies, both generals went to the upper deck, where photographs were taken.

Before returning to the Ordinance, General Fayolle gave short messages to the American people through Captain Sennechal, who speaks perfect English. General Fayolle said: "I am extremely glad to be in New York, and although I do not speak English, I probably know more about American troops than any other general of France, having had the largest number under my command."

The 1st Division was the unit referred to by the general. At one time he led four armies on the western front and headed the march into Mayenne after the signing of the armistice. More recently he was in command of two armies of occupation.

"Of deem it a distinguished honor," the General continued, "to come to America to represent France at the reunion of those brave Americans who fought for the great cause. I also bring from Marshal Foch a message of good will and commendation for your American heroes."

Prison for Motor Inspector Who Violated Federal Law
Robert Grogan, inspector of the State Motor License Bureau, convicted last week of conspiracy to violate the Federal motor vehicle law, was sentenced yesterday by Judge William B. Shepard in the United States District Court to serve fifteen months in the Federal Prison at Atlanta, Ga.

John E. Tench, who is a roadhouse in Hollis, L. I., who was indicted with Grogan, pleaded guilty and was a witness for the government. He was sentenced to six months in the Essex County Jail in New Jersey.

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